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TO FATHER

who passed away on January 14, 1920, while I was in Calcutta, not knowing that I would become a newspaper man, this book is humbly dedicated.

Foreword

This book is a collection of my articles which have appeared in the Osaka Mainichi and the Tokyo Nichi Nichi, English Edition. I have made, however, a revision of some parts as well as some additions, because these articles were originally written as year-end reviews of markets after the gold ban removal on January 11, 1980.

In view of the importance attached to the lifting of the embargo and the conditions thereafter, I have watched the development of the Japanese economic situation with the keenest attention as the financial editor of the Osaka Mainichi and the Tokyo Nichi Nichi, English Edition.

In February, 1930, I wrote for our paper my first review of the economic conditions after Nippon's epochal financial experiment. The second review, which I made in July of the same year, appeared in our paper in a three day series under the heading "Was Japan's Gold Ban Removal Successful?"

"Should Japan Prohibit Gold Export Again?" was the subject of my essay, which appeared in our paper in a four day series during November of the same year. This article was written in order to study the increased demand in some quarters for the second prohibition of the gold export.

At the beginning of December, 1930, I started compiling the economic diary of Japan after her gold ban removal and covered, I believe, almost all the important incidents in Japanese economic circles during the one year since the big financial event.

In this book, the diary seems to me to have taken up too much space, but it is by no means unimportant for those who intend to trace the movement of the Japanese economic conditions. Further it may prove to be good reference material for other countries which are going to adopt the gold standard in the near future.

I obtained the figures up to December 20, 1930, in the course of conducting the year-end reviews of markets. In publishing this book, the figures after December 20, 1930, up to January 10, 1981, were added.

During the 59th session of the Diet, which was convened on December 24, 1930, the gold ban removal at the original parity point of \$49% was criticized in view of the continued business depression and the lifting of the embargo at the new parity point of about \$40 was demanded by the Opposition.

I made a study of the demanded devaluation of the Yen and an article dealing with this appeared in our paper for several days during February, 1931. I believe that some readers will be interested in this article, although it is rather technical.

The aim of this book is to describe the actual development of the Japanese economic situation after the gold ban removal and no attempt has been made to solve the problems associated with the existing difficulties in the business circles.

My thanks are due to the Osaka Mainichi Shimbunsha, Ltd., which gave me this opportunity of writing on such an important financial event and of publishing my articles in book form, to Mr. Yoshikazu Ukyo and Mr. Mitsuzo Hosokawa of the Intertype Department of our paper, who rendered valuable services in printing my humble work and made various suggestions concerning this book, without whose help speedy publication would have been impossible, and to Mr. Shigeru Kimura of the Economist, published by the Osaka Mainichi, who helped me in obtaining the data in preparing the tables used in this book.

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